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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT REQUIRING NEWBORN INFANT HEALTH SCREENING FOR
CYSTIC FIBROSIS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-55 of the 2006 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

4 (a) The administrative officer or other person in charge of each
5 institution caring for newborn infants shall cause to have administered
6 to every such infant in its care an HIV-related test, as defined in section
7 19a-581, a test for phenylketonuria and other metabolic diseases, cystic
8 fibrosis, hypothyroidism, galactosemia, sickle cell disease, maple syrup
9 urine disease, homocystinuria, biotinidase deficiency, congenital
10 adrenal hyperplasia and such other tests for inborn errors of
11 metabolism as shall be prescribed by the Department of Public Health.
12 The tests shall be administered as soon after birth as is medically
13 appropriate. If the mother has had an HIV-related test pursuant to
14 section 19a-90 or 19a-593, the person responsible for testing under this
15 section may omit an HIV-related test. The Commissioner of Public
16 Health shall (1) administer the newborn screening program, (2) direct

17 persons identified through the screening program to appropriate
 18 specialty centers for treatments, consistent with any applicable
 19 confidentiality requirements, and (3) set the fees to be charged to
 20 institutions to cover all expenses of the comprehensive screening
 21 program including testing, tracking and treatment. The fees to be
 22 charged pursuant to subdivision (3) of this section shall be set at a
 23 minimum of twenty-eight dollars. The commissioner shall adopt
 24 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the
 25 provisions of this section. The Commissioner of Public Health shall
 26 publish a list of all the abnormal conditions for which the department
 27 screens newborns under the newborn screening program, which shall
 28 include screening for amino acid disorders, organic acid disorders and
 29 fatty acid oxidation disorders, including, but not limited to, long-chain
 30 3-hydroxyacyl CoA dehydrogenase (L-CHAD) and medium-chain
 31 acyl-CoA dehydrogenase (MCAD).

32 (b) The provisions of this section [shall] do not apply to any infant
 33 whose parents object to the test or treatment as being in conflict with
 34 their religious tenets and practice.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	19a-55

PH ***Joint Favorable***